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Report #7, Minnesota Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association

To: Minnesota Medical Association House of Delegates

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The Minnesota Coroners' and Medical Examiners' Association (MC&MEA) continued with its mission of educating professionals in the areas of medico-legal death investigation and promoting increased understanding and sophistication in the field in 2007 and 2008. The association's goals are to improve the quality and execution of the practice of forensic sciences and promote excellence in death investigation through education, knowledge, and interagency cooperation throughout Minnesota. Members make themselves available for consultation with physicians in the state on forensic matters.

In October 2007, the MC&MEA held its annual Forensic Science Seminar.

This clinically oriented CME opportunity was well-attended by physicians who serve as coroners and medical examiners as well as those who are interested in forensic medicine. Also in attendance were medico-legal death investigators, law enforcement officers, lawyers, funeral directors, morticians, and students from forensic science-related fields. This year's seminar is scheduled for October 2 and 3.

The MC&MEA also worked with other groups to improve the health of Minnesotans. Members have been involved with national forensic groups and the Minnesota Department of Health on the study and prevention of sudden death in children. Members also have worked with the Office of the State Registrar on revision of death certificate information.

In addition, the association monitors changes to Minnesota law that are pertinent to forensic matters.

Additional information about the association is available at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~mc-mea/>

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